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Amendments and Response to Final Office Action

Dear Commissioner:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 18, 2006, due on or before December 18, 2006. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the remarks as indicated below:

- X Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.
- X Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 this paper.
- \boxtimes Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.